

## Minutes of April 30, 2012

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM. All members were present.

The meeting minutes of April 23<sup>rd</sup> were accepted as amended.

The Board updated the public regarding the status of bridges in Town. It was noted that Massachusetts Department of Transportation has ordered the Town to close the bridge on Hadsell Street that crosses the Konkapot River. The Board also has received a letter dated April 27, 2012 regarding the bridge on Norfolk Road ordering the Town to either close the bridge or put up temporary barriers to make a single reversible lane of traffic. It was noted that the State does not see that stop lights need to be used but rather stop signs can be erected. Barriers may be available for the Town to use. The State engineers are presenting reviewing what weight limits will be required while repairs are made. The letter also mentions that the Town should qualify for funding under new programs for small towns but there are no specific dates for funding the work under the program right now.

Barbara Marchione, Emergency Management Director, appeared before the Board to review and discuss the process of funding for Storm Irene that was submitted to FEMA/MEMA. She advised that the Town has received a total of \$288,087.00 from FEMA so far and that the Town's matching share would be \$96,223.34 bringing the total of the project, so far, to \$384,093.36. She recommends that the Board look into borrowing around \$200,000.00 to cover the Town's share of the funding to complete the project. A work meeting is scheduled for this Friday to work on completing the project worksheets for FEMA. The Board also would like to have a work meeting with the Town Treasurer to discuss and review borrowing procedures for the project. Mrs. Marchione also inquired on the status of payroll she submitted for all work she put in to submit the project worksheet. It was noted that the Board would like a breakdown of time for the requested amount of \$3,500.00.

The Board noted that only one bid was received on each bid for a Fire Truck and Highway Truck. Both Fire Chief Scala and Highway Superintendent, Marks advised that the bids were satisfactory and noted that each bid submitted lower than advertised. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept both bids as submitted.

The Board announced that it will have a Special Town Meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> to transfer money from winter roads to another specific account to help cover the Town's share of road repairs from Storm Irene and any that any other articles will need to be submitted before May 14<sup>th</sup> in order to appear on the warrant.

Selectman Yohalem read a letter date March 2<sup>nd</sup> from the Highway Superintendent recommending that Charles Loring be approved as a working foreman with an hourly rate of \$18.58. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Mr. Loring as a working foreman at the hourly rate of \$18.58.

The Board briefly met with Police Chief Scott Farrell to discuss an email sent to the Board regarding the gas credit card bill, purchasing bullet proof vests and the posted office hours. Chief Farrell will keep the current office hours at this time. The bullet proof vests will be reimbursable by both State and Federal funds and will be used for New Marlborough Officers only. The issue of payments for the gas credit cards bills being received late by the gas company should be resolved with the bills being received by email rather than US mail.

The Chair advised that the Board had received a proposal from Maurice Brazie for leasing land for the transfer station. The new proposal would be for a ten year term a cost of \$6500.00 a year and a 10% increase every two years. It was also mentioned that single stream recycling at the transfer station was still being explored and that the Board is waiting to hear from Roger Levine, Solid Waste Coordinator, for his recommendations before taking any final action on the proposal.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput  
Administrative Assistant